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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hubert SCHRUEBERS

1. SCHRUEBERS is about 5'9" tall, blue eyes, balding hair and consequently a high forehead, long dark brown eyelashes, brown hair, egg-shaped face caused by more than beginning development of jowls. Probably weighs around 180, the majority of which is concentrated around his middle. Washington heat in May bothered SCHRUEBERS considerably, and he perspired profusely. Apparent age: Early 50s

2. He is not a drinker, preferring straight orange juice or milk shakes (chocolate). Only once was he tempted to stray from this pattern during the time I spent with him, and this was to order a screwdriver (apparently out of curiosity more than anything else and of course, it had his orange juice base!)

3. SCHRUEBERS buying habits are such: Quality comes first despite the cost. This is with respect to himself as well as things he purchased for gifts. Money is apparently not a worry. The most expensive thing on the rack immediately draws his attention. He requested to be taken to "the best store."

4. He continually repeated the statement. "I am new and inexperienced in these intelligence matters, operations etc." Considering he has been in this job since August 1955, this is either a poor remark to make, at least so often, or else he has a motive for making it. At times he could convey an almost "lamb in the wood" attitude, appear very shy and modest, until TOYKA would appear to be taking the ascendancy. Then his remarks would be tailored to remind you that he was the President of the BfV.

5. SCHRUEBERS is a devoted family man: Roman Catholic. His spoken English leaves much to be desired. During the briefings that were given in English he listened intently, often asking for translation. I would estimate his reading knowledge of English is fair but he does not get the full understanding.

6. I got the distinct impression that TOYKA was not one of his favorite people, but rather that he tolerated him for necessity's sake.

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7. Dr. SCHREIBERS is well-mannered, culturally and somewhat intellectually curious (culture probably stimulated by his wife's intense interest in music. He was disappointed that the Net was not performing while he was in New York so he could attend and report to her.) However, I doubt seriously, and no conversation indicated otherwise, that he has any interest outside the immediate confines of his office and his family. His sense of humor is relatively pleasant, tho weak.

8. In some respects SCHREIBERS fits the stereotype picture of the German Beartier. Whether he has the necessary backbone and aggressiveness to be a firm leader of the BfV is a subject of debate as far as the undersigned is concerned. I would imagine that he is inclined to approach most things from a legalistic nature holding true to his background, and would be more than prone to let operational matters to his lieutenants not only because of lack of knowledge but little interest. He is interested in his job and the BfV's welfare, and was deeply appreciative of this visit.

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